

HOUSE BILL 2019

By Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 9, relative to the creation of a new  
campus of the University of Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, is amended by adding  
the following as a new part:

**49-9-1101.**

(a) There is created and established by the state a campus of the University of  
Tennessee in Giles County, to be known as the University of Tennessee Southern.

(b) The trustees of the University of Tennessee are given the same power,  
authority, and discretion to take all actions necessary, proper, or convenient for the  
accomplishment of the University of Tennessee's mission at the University of Tennessee  
Southern as the trustees now have and exercise at the other colleges and schools of the  
University of Tennessee, including, but not limited to, the power, authority, and discretion  
to prescribe and offer courses, curricula, and degree programs; acquire land and  
construct buildings; inaugurate and carry out all necessary supporting work and  
activities; and award degrees of the University of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, is amended by deleting  
subdivision (a)(3)(B) and substituting:

(B) The student member position must rotate annually among the institutions of  
the University of Tennessee, according to the following sequence: University of  
Tennessee Health Science Center; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; University of

Tennessee at Martin; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and University of Tennessee Southern.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-209, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(2) and substituting:

(2) As used in this subsection (d), "institution" includes the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the University of Tennessee Southern, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, the University of Tennessee Space Institute, the Institute of Agriculture, and the Institute for Public Service.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-501(a)(1), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the subdivision:

On July 1, 2022, there is established an advisory board for the University of Tennessee Southern.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.